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a molecular weight of 70,800, cleaving heparan sulfate, and having a pH optimum of 9.9-10.1.

5 %. (twice amended) A method for purifying heparinase

lysing Flavobacterium heparinum cells in a biologically pure culture of Flavobacterium heparinum,

removing cell debri and nucleic acids from the cell lysate,

absorption of heparinase I, II, and III to hydroxyapatite,

absorption of non-heparinase I, II, and III proteins to QAE-resin,

recovery of the heparinase I, II, and III not bound to the QAE-resin,

separation of heparinase I, II, and III by HPLC on a hydroxylapatite column,

recovery of the heparinase I, II, and III separated on the hydroxylapatite column,

purification of the separated heparinases by cation exchange FPLC, [and]

recovery of the heparinase I, II, and III separated by cation exchange FPLC,

